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References: COCOM Documents 3700.1 - 7; Working Papers Nos. 1(Revised) and 2(Revised) also Working Papers for individual items concerned.

1. The CHAIRMAN opened the discussion by welcoming the various experts who were present to assist Delegations. He stated that the work which the Committee were about to undertake at this meeting was simply a confrontation of all the items which had been proposed for review. He emphasised that there would be no discussion of individual items where there was no possibility of obtaining immediate agreement; such items would be referred to the technical Sub-Committee.

2. The NORWEGIAN Delegate, explaining his position, stated that the various items under review were not of direct concern to his country and consequently he could not take up a position from a technical point of view. In principle, his Government favoured a reduction or simplification of the strategic export control system where this was possible without jeopardizing Western security interests. With regard to the proposals on which there was unanimous agreement in the Committee today, he could certainly accept them.

3. The COMMITTEE then proceeded with the confrontation of all the items proposed for review. A list of the items referred to the Sub-Committee for technical discussion will be found at Annex A to this document. Annex B contains details of the items on which complete agreement was reached. Annex C gives details of remarks made and positions adopted by various Delegations who wished to give their initial views at this stage.

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